Proving Your Native Heritage

- If you have a family member who has been confirmed Native American, contact the associated tribal nation

-Fill out membership applications and paperwork, once approved you will recieve a certificate

-Write down any information that you already know about your family.

-Working backwards, write down names, birth dates and places, marriages, and deaths.

-Gather records to prove your facts such as vital documents

-Records prove the relationships within your family tree

-Use the US Census records to document where your family lived and if they were marked Native American

-If a family member is marked Native American on the US Census, contact the National Archives to have the Dawes Rolls searched for native confirmation

-Create or download an ancestral chart and family group charts.

-Use a geneology website to find helpful charts

-This is your 1st attempt at a family tree

-Start by listing parents on the top of sheet one

-Make sure to create a new sheet for each family.

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